

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cache memory system comprising:

tag memory sections in number n;

cache memory sections in number n each capable of
5 switching a state between an ordinary state and a lower power
consumption state;

a power control unit which controls switching of a
way constitution to either an n-way constitution, in which
all the cache memory sections are activated in the ordinary
10 state based on a power mode signal, or a 1-way constitution,
in which only one of the cache memory sections is activated
in the ordinary state and the remaining cache memory sections
are turned into the low consumption power state based on
a value of an input request address;

15 a data selector which selects only data read from any
one of the cache memory sections when reading the data; and

a data selector control unit which controls the data
selector so as to select only data read from the cache memory
section corresponding to the value of the request address
20 in case of the n-way constitution and to select only data
read from the cache memory section in the ordinary state
in case of the 1-way constitution.

2. The cache memory system according to claim 1, wherein
25 the power control unit is constituted out of a logic circuit

generating a signal for controlling an operation state of each of the cache memory sections based on the value of the request address and a value of the power mode signal.

- 5 3. The cache memory system according to claim 1, further comprising:

 a tag determination circuit which determines whether or not the address data read from each of the tag memory section is coincident with the value of the request address;

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 a data selector control circuit which controls so as to select any one of data read from each of the cache memory sections based on a determination result of the tag determination circuit, a value of the power mode signal and
15 a control content of the power control unit.

4. The cache memory system according to claim 1, wherein the n cache memory sections correspond to individual n regions divided from one module.

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5. A cache memory system comprising:

 tag memory sections in number n capable of switching a state between an ordinary state and a low consumption power state;

25 cache memory sections in number n each capable of

switching a state between the ordinary state and the low consumption power state;

5 a power control unit which controls switching of a way constitution to either an n-way constitution, in which all the tag memory sections and all the cache memory sections are activated in the ordinary state based on a power mode signal, or a 1-way constitution, in which only one tag memory section and only one cache memory section corresponding to the tag memory section are activated in the ordinary state
10 and the remaining tag memory sections and cache memory sections are turned into the low consumption power state based on a value of an input request address;

a data selector which selects only data read from any one of the cache memory sections when reading the data; and

15 a data selector control unit which controls the data selector as to select only data read from the cache memory section corresponding to the value of the request address in case of the n-way constitution and to select only data read from the cache memory section in the ordinary state
20 in case of the 1-way constitution.

6. The cache memory system according to claim 5, wherein the power control unit is constituted out of a logic circuit generating a signal for controlling an operation state of
25 each of the tag memory sections and each of the cache memory

sections based on the value of the request address and a value of the power mode signal.

7. The cache memory system according to claim 5, further comprising:

a tag determination circuit which determines whether or not the address data read from each of the tag memory section is coincident with the value of the request address; and

10 a data selector control circuit which controls so as to select any one of data read from each of the cache memory sections based on a determination result of the tag determination circuit, a value of the power mode signal and a control content of the power control unit.

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8. The cache memory system according to claim 5, wherein the data selector control unit includes

a tag determination circuit which determines whether or not the address data read from each of the tag memory sections is coincident with the value of the request address; and

a tag determination result invalidation circuit which invalidates a determination result of the tag determination circuit if the address data read from the tag memory section in the low consumption power state is coincident with the

value of the request address.

9. The cache memory system according to claim 5, wherein
the n cache memory sections correspond to individual n
5 regions divided from one module.

10. The cache memory system according to claim 5, wherein
the n tag memory sections correspond to individual n regions
divided from one module.

11. A cache memory system comprising:

tag memory sections in number n which are connected
in parallel;

cache memory sections in number n each capable of
15 switching a state between an ordinary state and a low
consumption power state;

a power control unit which controls an operation state
of each of the cache memory sections so that only one cache
memory section among the cache memory sections is activated
20 in the ordinary state and the remaining cache memory sections
are turned into the low consumption power state based on
a value of an input request address;

a data selector which selects only data read from any
one of the cache memory sections when reading the data; and

25 a data selector control unit which controls the data

selector so as to select only data read from the cache memory section turned into the ordinary state by the power control unit.

5 12. The cache memory system according to claim 11, wherein the power control unit is constituted out of a logic circuit generating a signal for controlling an operation state of each of the cache memory sections based on the value of the request address.

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13. The cache memory system according to claim 11, wherein the data selector control unit includes

a tag determination circuit which determines whether or not the address data read from each of the tag memory section is coincident with the value of the request address; and

a data selector control circuit which controls so as to select any one of data read from the cache memory sections based on a determination result of the tag determination circuit and a control content of the power control unit.

14. The cache memory system according to claim 11, wherein the n cache memory sections correspond to individual n regions divided from one module.

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15. A cache memory system comprising:

tag memory sections in number n each capable of switching a state between an ordinary state and a low consumption power state;

5 cache memory sections in number n each capable of switching a state between the ordinary state and the low consumption power state;

a power control unit which controls an operation state of each of the tag memory sections and each of the cache
10 memory section so that only one tag memory section and only one cache memory section corresponding to the tag memory section among the tag memory sections and the cache memory sections are activated in the ordinary state and the remaining tag memory sections and cache memory sections are
15 turned into the low consumption power state based on a value of an input request address;

a data selector which selects only data read from any one of the cache memory sections when reading the data; and

a data selector control unit which controls the data
20 selector so as to select only data read from the cache memory section turned into the ordinary state by the power control device.

16. The cache memory system according to claim 15, wherein
25 the power control unit is constituted out of a logic circuit

generating a signal for controlling an operation state of each of the tag memory sections and each of the cache memory section based on the value of the request address.

5 17. The cache memory system according to claim 15, wherein the data selector control unit includes

a tag determination circuit which determines whether or not the address data read from each of the tag memory section is coincident with the value of the request address;

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a data selector control circuit which controls so as to select any one of data read from the cache memory sections based on a determination result of the tag determination circuit and a control content of the power control unit.

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18. The cache memory system according to claim 15, wherein the data selector control unit includes

a tag determination circuit which determines whether or not the address data read from each of the tag memory sections is coincident with the value of the request address; and

a tag determination result invalidation circuit which invalidates a determination result of the tag determination circuit if the address data read from the tag memory section in the low consumption power state is coincident with the

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value of the request address.

19. The cache memory system according to claim 15, wherein
the n cache memory sections correspond to individual n
5 regions divided from one module.

20. The cache memory system according to claim 15, wherein
the n tag memory sections correspond to individual n regions
divided from one module.

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